THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) As per the location of the Registered Offices, there are, 4 central public sector enterprises whose Registered Offices are located in Bihar after creation of Jharkhand State. The enterprise-wise employment position in these CPSEs as on 31.3.2000 is given in Statement *(See* below).

(b) Privatisation/disinvestment in non-strategic PSUs would be undertaken in accordance with Government policy announced in the Parliament.

(c) and (d) Presently there is no plan for establishing any new central public sector enterprise in Bihar.

Statement

PS E-wise employment position in Bihar after creation of Jharkhand State as on 31.3.2000.

S. No.	Name of the Company	Employment as on 31.3.2000
1.	Bharat Wagon & Engg. Co. Ltd.	1900
2.	Bihar Drugs 9 Organic Chemicals Ltd.	Under Construction
3.	Pyrites, Phosphates 9 Chemicals Ltd.	1874 53
4.	Ranchi Ashok Bihar Hotel Corpn. Ltd.	
	Total :	3827

Merger of BPCL with BHEL or OICL

† 4008. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware the Management, Union and Executives' association of Bharat Pumps and Compressors

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Ltd., Naini, Allahabad, have passed a proposal for its merger with the BHEL or IOCL;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to take any step in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) The management of the Company has not passed any such resolution. However, representations have been received from the Union and Executives' Association of the Company. While BHEL has expressed its inability, no response has been received from the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

PSUs running in loss

4009. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Sector Undertakings running in loss for the last three years;

(b) whether there is a scope for their improvement in working; and

(c) the action proposed to upgrade the viable PSUs;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (D£. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) there were 106, 107 and 100 CPSUs which had incurred losses during the years 1999-2000,1998-99 and 1997-98 respectively.

(b) and (c) It is constant endeavour of the Government to revive the CPSUs which have potential for revival. Of the 106 CPSUs, which had incurred losses during 1999-2000, 59 are registered with BIFR. For sick industrial CPSUs, BIFR are to take final view under the provisions of SICA for their revival. As on 31.12.2000, BIFR have sanctioned revival schemes for IS sick CPSUs registered with them.

(e) For other loss making CPSUs, the concerned administrative